



# Tempe Public Art

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**Scott Cisson, Niki Glen,  
Helen Helwig and  
Joe Tyler**

*The Elements, 2000*

Handmade ceramic tiles, metal,  
river rock, and flagstone

**Location:**

McClintock High School  
McClintock Road south  
of Campus Drive

Photo by: Craig Smith

**Description:** This transit shelter incorporates elements of earth, water, air and fire into a steel, stone and ceramic structure made to look like an obelisk complete with roots, leaves and a sun. The rainproof shelter has a large shade canopy and seats 20 people. During the yearlong project, McClintock High School students assisted with drawing, painting and creating handmade ceramic tiles used in the design. The students also worked alongside the artists to install their tiles on the shelter structure. Tempe's goal with its Artist Designed Transit Shelters is to encourage the use of public transportation by making these shelters attractive, innovative and functional. The transit shelter can be enjoyed by the people who use this area as they wait for the bus, as well as passersby. This public artwork will enhance the site and will be enjoyed and remembered for many years by the people who ride the buses, in addition to the many visitors to the City of Tempe.

**Artist biography:** Scott Cisson has a degree in architecture and a Masters in Public Administration and Urban Planning. Niki Glen, a professional muralist and clay artist, has directed more than 50 public art projects throughout the United States. Helen Helwig is a professional ceramic artist. Both Helwig and Glen have extensive experience with artist-in-residence programs as well as teaching and collaborative projects. Joe Tyler has created public art for the cities of Tempe, Scottsdale, Chandler, Tucson and Yuma. He earned his Master's degree in Environmental Horticulture.

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